

FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR

Rann Watumull has been an advocate for small business financial services for the past decade and leader in establishing resources for small and family-owned businesses. In 1994, Watumull created and now manages the Family Wealth Management Department at BOH to assist families with financial and business planning strategies. Watumull co-founded the Family Business Center of Hawaii (FBCH), a non-profit organization whose mission is to help family businesses through a partnership between those business owners and the University of Hawaii. Currently more than 25 families benefit as members of FBCH. The organization addresses issues that are unique to family-run businesses, a significant segment of the Hawaiian economy and often in need of specialized resources. Watumull continues to provide the organization with leadership and guidance. Watumull has also assisted startup companies in Hawaii as Member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Business and Entrepreneur Acceleration Mentors program (HiBEAM). HiBEAM's mission is to help launch new companies with growth potential by providing professional advice to selected startups at critical stages of development. He has been highly successful in finding startup capital for new companies, raising several million dollars of seed funds and angel financing for startups in Hawaii. *Nominated by: Kevin Sakamoto, Bank of Hawaii Corporation.*



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Honolulu's **Larry Lee Anderson** is a business owner, counselor, and a longtime supporter of small businesses. As owner of a Fiducial franchise, Anderson provides accounting services and business counseling to small businesses. Anderson's practices are geared towards helping small businesses and new ventures by guiding them through the development of business, financing, and marketing plans, frequently without fees. His approach proved to be a successful business model for his franchise and, in 2001, Anderson received the Fiducial "Regional Franchisee Award of the Year." An advocate with the State Legislature and local business associations, he actively lobbied to support the passage of an identity theft law and efforts to not restrict the compilation of financial statements to CPAs only, due to its negative impact on smaller firms. He is also focused on improving workers' compensation regulations. Active in two business associations – the Aiea-Pearl City Business Association and the Kalihi Business Association- his commitment to small business clearly makes him a valued asset of Honolulu's small business community. *Nominated by: Keene Fujinaka, Bank of Hawaii.*

Sharron Courter's commitment to small business and her unselfish involvement with various community service organizations within the County of Maui exemplifies an individual deserving of the Financial Services Advocate of the Year award. Courter gives freely of her time and experience to aid many small businesses, non-profit agencies, and various business associations in providing financial assistance. She serves as treasurer of the Maui Chamber of Commerce and Akaku Television. As an active member of the Maui Chamber Political Action Committee, Courter works to ensure small business interests are a top priority of elected officials. She also provides free seminars on workplace fraud and identity theft. Courter has served as treasurer on the board of Women Helping Women, provides financial counseling to a large non-profit church and encourages the flow of investment capital to small ventures. In addition, she has long supported initiatives for legislation to help strengthen the financial health of small businesses. She is an active supporter high technology, tax credits, and tax relief for small business owners. *Nominated by: Mitchell Nishimoto, First Hawaiian Bank.*



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